



# Board to 'surplus' 8 Howe teachers

By Kim Friedly

Eight Howe teachers will be declared "surplus" and will no longer have full-semester teaching positions here at the beginning of second semester, according to Principal Frank Tout.

Teachers are assigned to schools according to the size of the student enrollment. Because of the number of seniors graduating in January, and other students just not registering for school next semester, there appears to be a "surplus" of teachers or, more teachers than are necessary considering the enrollment size at Howe.

"Howe has been told that it has 12 surplus teachers, but

we have been asked to give up eight," says Tout. "We're still negotiating."

The "surplus" decision came from the I.P.S. School Board. Tout adds the policy of declaring "surplus" teachers has been going on for a long time but was discontinued last year.

Tout feels that "especially faced with the problems of desegregation... the school district is very much not inclined to contract additional teachers when there are "surplus" teachers available."

"These people who are designated as "surplus" still have a job. They will be assigned perhaps to another

school where there is an opening. They will be assigned as a substitute within this school, or assigned possibly as a substitute in the I.P.S. pool," said Tout.

Teachers in the pool, Tout added, are many times used to fill in where teacher resignations occur, instead of having the school board hire new teachers.

Surplus teachers must be paid their original salary, said English Department Chairman Bruce Beck. "They cannot lose their jobs because by Indiana state law, if you have not notified a teacher by May 7 of the previous year, they cannot be fired and are automatically under contract."

The decision of who to surplus is primarily up to Tout. "Seniority is a factor" in the decision, said Tout, "but sometimes we have to skip around for program."

"We do not ordinarily surplus people who have assignments that cannot be covered by someone else," such as a Latin teacher or physics teacher.

"We will not surplus a coach, or sponsor of an activity for which particular training is required," Tout added.

It is uncertain as to when Tout will make his decision. "I've avoided it," he said. "It's a question of 'well, is the school board likely to change its mind?'"

"No one wants to be a bad guy. No one wants to be a contributor to the morale dropping, so you avoid making the decision until the last possible moment," Tout added.

As for picking who goes and who stays, Tout says "I have a great reluctance to do that because I, in most cases, was the person who asked these people to come with us. Now I'm telling them, in effect, that I'm sure it's very likely to come down to 'we don't need you anymore.'"

"I think it's bad for staff morale. I feel that every staff member makes some contribution to the total program," Tout concluded.

Beck said, "I think it's completely unfair to surplus people at midterm. If we have to do surplus, it should be done at the end of the school year."

"It's wrong to disrupt people and to move them around," continued Beck.

"It's a very painful thing," he added.

It appears that the old tradition of real green trees is slowly giving way to modern white. (Photo by Jay Tobias)

Thomas Carr Howe High School

## Tower

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### Briefs

**Chess**... Mark Blackstad, senior, won the United States Chess Federation tournament at Indiana-Purdue University Dec. 2. Team A placed first and B, C teams placed first and second in the Bedford North Lawrence High School State Invitational on Dec. 16.

**Prom**... A committee has been established to plan the prom. According to John Trinkle, senior class sponsor, the committee has decided that it will be a Junior-Senior prom.

**Penpoints**... a publication of creative works by Howe students, is seeking longer writings.

If interested, writings may be turned in to any English teacher.

The Editors of Penpoints are Laura Taylor and Susan Harlow. Art Editor is Rex Russell.

**Stork**... Jeannie Martin, last year's **Tower** adviser, sends word of the birth of her first baby.

Abigail Shaw Martin was born Nov. 30 at 3:23 a.m. weighing 7 lbs. 3 oz. and 19" long. Congratulations Mike and Jeannie!

### Howe represented by 8 in city-wide symphony

The Indianapolis High School Symphony will present a free Christmas concert in the Hyatt Regency concourse, Saturday, Dec. 23, at 3 p.m.

The symphony consists of approx. 80 musicians from public high schools. There are eight symphony members representing Howe. Members are recommended by their high school orchestra directors and are auditioned by a committee of teachers.

The symphony's 22nd annual concert will be presented on Friday, Jan. 26, at 7:30 p.m. in the Arsenal

Technical High School auditorium.

Orchestra members representing Howe are: Curtis Childs, trombone; Rusty Denton, trumpet; Lynette Enz, viola; Mike Gentry, cello; John Harrell, trumpet; Nancy Janes, flute; Gisele Megnin, violin; and Mark Stewart, french horn.

Tickets are \$1 and may be purchased from any member of the orchestra or at the door. Students through the eighth grade will be admitted free of charge.

Proceeds will help cover concert expenses and provide scholarships for the I.P.S. Summer Music Camp.

### Thespian Society initiates seniors; veterans of 100 hours stage work

By LaDonna Bridges

Fifteen seniors were initiated Dec. 12 into the International Thespians Society, an organization recognizing students of drama.

According to Hariette Baker, seniors who have completed over 100 hours on or behind stage and have

paid a \$5 initiation fee are entitled to become members.

Students who have successfully met these requirements are Lance Allison, Jane Clingan, Jill Denham, Kim Frech, Betty Hempfling, Jean Hilton, Ann Hudson, Bill Leamon, Dan Kelley, Sheri Riley, Camilla Rich, Steve

### Faculty revives Council; seeks to define goals

The Faculty Council, an old organization revised, is seeking to establish their primary objectives by conducting a poll among teachers and a representative amount of students.

According to Ron Finkbinder, elected co-chairman along with David Baugh, the poll's objective is to find out the five main concerns of Howe's faculty and to decide what actions to pre-

sent to the administration as possible solutions.

Made up of approx. 30 volunteer faculty members, its function is to bring problems to the attention of teachers and hopefully to find solutions to the "bugs" in the system.

JoAnn Leffler, audio-visual specialist, represented many of the teachers' views when she said the council was trying to get the feelings of the teachers known by "starting on something little and working ourselves up."

Although Patricia Aman, business teacher, has not attended a meeting she said, "I was impressed and proud that many teachers are concerned about the problems we are facing." She also felt "students should have a voice in the council."

Although students will not have that voice literally, the co-chairmen hope the students' feelings and thoughts will show up in the poll.

Spicklemire, Dave Welch, Debbie Wiggington, and Mark Zander.

Each of these students got this opportunity by performing with Revelers-Thespians, or otherwise known as the Howe Now Troopers. They performed various plays in a number of schools and churches in the community.



# Santa legend: fact or fiction?

How could there be a question in anyone's mind as to the existence of Santa Claus. Have we all become cynical non-believers?

Ask any five-year-old if he believes in Santa Claus. Of course he does, and a five year old would not lie.

Has anyone ever had a letter they wrote to Santa returned with "ADDRESS UNKNOWN" stamped on it? Never. The United States Post Office is legally bound to deliver all letters with the proper postage or return them. The logical conclusion is they deliver them. Right? So there is a Santa Claus, right?

Who do you think ate the oatmeal cookies you left out last Christmas eve? It wasn't your dad, since he did not show up the next morning with purple bloches all over his body from his allergy to oatmeal. But they were gone, were they not?

For final proof, consider the presents you got last year. Who do you think brought all those *neat* presents you really wanted? It certainly was not your parents. They are the ones who always buy you the satin tennis shoes. It certainly was not your relatives. Aunts and Uncles always buy you the subscription to National Geographic. So, it must have been Santa.

If this has not convinced you, one Christmas day, early in the morning, climb up on the roof and look carefully. Under the snow you will find tiny reindeer droppings. That is **proof!**



All right kids. It is about time we all grew up and faced the truth. There is not a Santa Claus. Yes, this is a disillusionment for some, but it is better to learn these things from an informed source than from off the streets.

Here are the facts. Has anyone really seen Santa Claus except for those with onion breath in the shopping malls? No.

How about that whole package of cookies you set out last Christmas eve? Didn't you wonder why your dad gained five pounds between Christmas eve and Christmas morning? Now, who do you think *really* ate all those cookies?

Even if there was a real Santa Claus, think about how his life would be. How would he get all those toys? He would either have to buy out every Children's Palace in the Northern Hemisphere or own both the Kenner and Mattel toy companies.

Do not think those elves are going to make the toys for him! Why would they live in igloos at the North Pole when they could work for the Keebler Company and be on television.

Of course, we all know the story of Santa's sleigh being pulled by flying reindeer. Use your head! How would a sleigh and eight reindeer land on an A-frame house? That would be uncomfortable.

Your parents probably said Santa gets in down the chimney, right? Well, what about that fire in the fireplace last Christmas Eve. That is the sadistic streak showing in you. I can see it now — everyone sitting around chuckling over the surprise Santa's going to get when he comes down **your** chimney.

After all, we all know deep in our hearts that it is not Santa Claus who brings presents — it is the Easter Bunny.

## Acts of vandalism useless



The boys' restroom across from the office was vandalized Nov. 12. (Photo by Terri Engle)

Why? Why do students write on school walls, tear up bathrooms, and break windows? How can there be any pleasure in taking the right to have a good place for education away from other students?

Many acts of vandalism are done by students rebelling against the system. What does this accomplish? **Nothing!**

Recently, the boy's restroom across from the office was vandalized. The stall doors were turned off the hinges. The paper towel holder and paper towels were set on fire.

The cost of returning the restroom to its original condition is unbelievable. This is a waste of money.

Is this a way to rebel against the system? In what way did the system change because of this? It did not. The system will not be changed by useless acts of vandalism.

If students want their ideas put into effect, they should work through the system. Violence will never mend a situation.

Of course, there are those who are just "mad" and want to get back at a teacher. Students, if they can be called students after such examples of irresponsible behavior, should think of their classmates who appreciate their school and the educational facilities it offers.

Do not take away from others rights by vandalizing our school!

## Classroom instruction produces no 'guidance'

Dear Editor,  
"Senior Guidance." The parody of classroom instruction has reached the point of comic satire, as 13 weeks of class instruction has pro-

"Senior Guidance." The parody of classroom instruction has reached the point of comic satire, as six weeks of class instruction has pro-

duced no tangible result in the way of "guidance".

The role of Senior Guidance instructors is reduced to little more than a disciplinarian seeking some way to occupy 40 minutes.

Let us hope our younger brothers and sisters are not burdened with this wasteful white elephant.

A disgruntled student

## Poetry lover speaks out

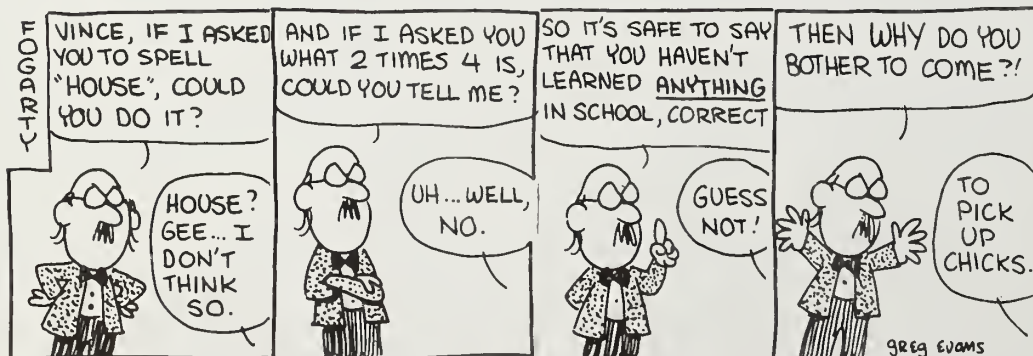
Dear Editor,  
I stand in behalf of all students interested in poetry. The English Department cancelled the course last year because of the lack of students. This year, we have many students interested and are supporting us in poetry, but they (English Dept.) won't keep the course in session. We need more support from the entire student body. Please help out with your support

Thank you.  
Sincerely,  
Vicki Barnard,  
Chairperson,  
"Saving our Poetry"

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# Santa, gimme, gimme, gimme!

Dear Santa

I have been a very good boy this year.

Excep for the time I put my sister cat IN MOMMY'S NEW MICROWAVE OVEN. I want a puppy for Christmas.



YOURS  
JIMMY



Dear Santa Claus,

For my Christmas present, I would like you to make me an astronot. I've wanted to be an astronot ever since I saw them on T.V. jumping real high without mats. If you could just make me an astronot I would be the happiest 8-year-old in space.

Love,  
Billy

P.S. My Mommy and Daddy said it's all right if you send me to the moon.

Dear Santa,

Is it ok if i just call u Santa instead of Mister Santa Klauz?

I want that new Susie Homemaker doll that i seen on tv last nite after Laura Engals House on the Prayer.

Hugs and XXXXXX,  
Kimmy

Dear Santa,

Do me a big favor, bring me a baseball bat to hit my big brother in the head with, and a new little sister, because the old one is all used up and won't play with me anymore. Please give my parent's a new house so I can have my own room with a doggy in it. Santa, bring me a baby doll because my old one has no hair and a baby carriage so I can take her for a walk, and bring me a new Teddy Bear because my old one died. Don't forget to fill my stocking and to eat your cookies sitting by the fire place. Bring lots of snow with you so I can make a snow man.

Bye-bye.

Lynnie Toney

## Pretty please?

Dear Santa,

Please don't send Jimmy a puppy; it would probably wind up in the microwave oven. Bring him a nerf ball instead so he can't hurt his sister

yours,  
Jimmy's Mother

Dear Mr. Santa

I know that most of the girls my age are writing you letters and asking for a new tea set, a baby carriage or a doll, but not me cause I'm a big girl now! My sister even calls me immature and that means grown up!

I guess in a way I do want a doll, but my doll is a real live one. My sister says that he's 6'11" and 150 lbs. That's a lot of pounds, huh? Probably crush you, huh? His name is Freddy, but when he's not around, my sister calls him "Super hunk." I even told on her once! I said, "Freddy, Lisa talks about you and calls you "super hunk," but Freddy just smiled.

Anyway, Freddy is supposed to be my sister's boyfriend, but he really isn't. See my sister told me that he's a swinger, goes out with lots and lots of girls, and I know Freddy's a swinger because he picks me up and boy he swings me around and around. He's really neat! He takes me on dates in his car to the supermarket when he and Lisa have to buy things at the supermarket and he tucks me into bed. Santa, he's a real swinger. So you can give the rest of the girls my age their tea sets and even their Bionic Woman dolls, but give me Freddy!

Thank you Santa,  
Emily

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# Holiday greetings

**Merry Christmas** to the boys concert club. From Corralaires. P.S. We still sing better than you. Mary Chandler

**Merry Christmas SUPER CROFT** from your future NATURALISTS. Love and Kisses, "Riz" and "T".

**Merry Christmas** to the Donelz, Kittenz, Trix, Trenz, and Emberz. From the Tawnz

**Rosie, Have a Merry Christmas.** Also have a nice day today, and a better day tomorrow. Army Recruiter, John Deramus

**Best wishes** for the holiday and good luck in the new year. Howe "Top of the line in 79" —Army

**To Mary Parry,** Have a wonderful Christmas vacation and be good! Love, Dubie

**To Randy Northern,** Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I love you always! Karen Smith

**Raymond Covert,** I hope you have a Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year. Love ya, your Secret Admirer.

**Dewayne,** Thanks for being there when I needed you. I'll always care for you. Love, Tammy Morgan.

**Merry Christmas,** Miss Bancroft, Mr. McGinle, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. McManam, Mr. Spears, Mrs. Miller and Mr. Grissom. Tammy Adams.

**Pam,** To a best friend a person could ever have! Merry Christmas! Best friends always, Love ya lots, Big Ike.

**To all my friends** at Howe, I will miss you very much. Merry Christmas. Leanna

**Merry Christmas** to my "Macro Passe" friends. Have a very Happy New Year. The chauffer, Space Cadet.

**Sis,** you can be a pain sometimes, but in the long run you're OK. Happy New Year, Junie

**Amy,** You're a very nice big, little sister, your little brother. Merry Xmas, Little One.

**Merry Christmas** to my friends. Good luck with the guys to Cindy, Becky, and Beth. Hello to Spick. Julie

**I want to say Merry Christmas** to Kevin Cartwright, Mary Chandler, Julie Moore, Beth Davee, Tammy Adams, Terri Engle. From "Punkin".

**Merry Christmas** freshman class ROTC 1978-79. Jerome Baker

**Merry Christmas Mrs. Schween,** Good luck with your freshman classes next semester. Kim Calhoun

**Merry Christmas** to all my friends: Georgia Trooper, Eloise Trooper, Don King, Rhonda Flick, Wendy Wiggs, Wendee Wilcox, Ladonna Bridges. From "Punkin"

**Dudley,** my feelings have not changed I hope you know. I'll wish you a Merry Christmas. So please call. Brownie

**To my dear sister,** Good luck in the future and in all you do. Merry Christmas. Kim Calhoun

**At Christmas** play and make good cheer for Christmas comes but once a year. Thomas Tusser, submitted by Doug Hvidston.

**Happy Holiday** wishes to Candy from Jeff. I want you to have a nice time during Christmas.

**Sue,** This note is just to wish the Merriest Christmas ever and to tell you "I love you!" Love always, David.

**Merry Christmas** to all my friends and teachers at Howe. With love, Rhonda Hooks.

**A Merry Christmas** a very, very happy New Year to the Men's Gymnastics team. From the ever faithful Gymates.

**Laura Foster:** I hope this is the best Christmas ever for you! Thanks for being a fantastic best friend! Love, Tommylene King.

**I wish all my friends** a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Love, Ginny Davis.

**Jeff, "Remember** it's the thought that counts! "I'm glad we have each other!" "Merry Christmas!" Love ya, yours forever, Laura.

**To all the GAP's** at Howe. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**To the Incredible "Z",** Alas! My exquisite taste for roses (of the wild and ethnic gender) will never die! (continued)

(continued) May you find happiness and dead squirrels wherever you roam! TCHHDC Reigns! Peace, love, and Billy Joel! "Frees"

**Merry Christmas** and Fa la la la to Jim Davis, Jenny McClure, Gary McPherson, John Miser and ZO, Z. Love Stephanie.

**Have a fun** Christmas and skiing trip Mike, Susie, Lea and Leslie. Love, Stephanie.

**Merry Christmas** and What's Happening to PEDE, Jimboy, Lee, Lisa, Rocky. From Geneva, Michelle, Love You.

**Merry Christmas** to table F3 seventh hour lunch. Becky Gibson, Debbie Davis, Stephanie Fattic, Mike Verbosky and Susie Thronton. Tammy Adams

**Merry Christmas Sharon.** See ya Christmas Eve after work. Have a special gift. Love, George.

**Swim Team,** Congratulations for an improved season. May it be even better next year. "Party Hardy" and Merry Christmas. Kid.

**To Jeff Martin,** A wild and crazy guy, Merry Xmas from another wild and crazy guy. Tom Berg

**Laura,** You're the sweetest person I know! Best friends forever. Love ya! Merry Christmas, Pam Fletcher

**A very Merry Christmas** and a Happy New Year to Beth Walters from your good loving friend Mike Stover.

**Merry Christmas** and wonderful New Year, and the years that follow. Sheila Foster, Robin Foster, Debbie Russell, Terri Engle. Tammy

**Merry Christmas** to the man who brightens our existence. Ho Ho Ho. Love & Kisses, E. D. D.'s little elves

**Jeff Sheets,** Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. And good luck in wrestling. Guess Who

**John, Merry Christmas,** Honey. I love you. Love, Lyssa.

**To everyone** I know, here's hoping your holidays are very wonderful and you can spread happiness throughout your friends. Dianna Aikman

**To Tower Staff,** Merry Xmas from a struggling first year reporter. From Tom Berg

**Wishing you** a very Merry Christmas: Kittenz, Debbie Shadiow, Melissa Long, Hornet Honeys, Camilla Rich, Lora Walters, Glenda's baby. Dianna Aikman

**I would like** to wish our great basketball team a warm Christmas and a Happy Holiday. Sherry Smith

**I would like** to wish all the seniors a Merry Christmas and a great last year here at Howe!

**John Cross,** Merry Christmas!!! To a very special guy I'd really like to get to know better. 6th period lunch.

**Seasonal Tidings** — to all my GAPpy friends in English, Tawn Parent

**A Merry Christmas** to a "wild and crazy" fourth period U. S. History class. DM

**Shem,** A very sweet guy, I like a lot. Lots of Love. Have a very Happy Christmas. Love ya, Mari.

**Kevin, Merry Christmas** and may we have many more together in happiness. Love, Rhonda

**Merry Xmas** from the Grace Bishops Choir of Grace Apostolic Church 643 E. 22nd. Good singing.

**Merry Christmas** to our "partner in perversion", Big Jim Davis. Love, Kim, "Z", and Susie.

**To the world's** greatest mother. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Love You. Little Susie Homemaker.

**Dear Nancy Napier,** Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from Kris.

**Mr. Arvin,** your the greatest wrestling coach in the world. You are really an inspiration to me. Love, Wendy.

**Dear Hilltopper,** Merry Christmas! Especially Les. Love, Elaine.

**Merry Christmas** Mad-Ensemble! Hope for a great time all year. Thanks Lewis & Bramblett for all your help. Love, Lora.

**Tim,** I hope you have a nice Christmas and I hope I see you over vacation. Merry Christmas. Love, Wendy.

**I wish** a huge "warm fuzzie" to all of Student Council! Love, Elaine.

**A tous mes étudiants-**Je vous donnerai un secret l'essentiel est invisible aux yeux. Madame H.

**Lennie, Squiqgy;** have a Merry, Merry, Christmas and a Happy High New Year! "Leonardo"

**Have a very Merry Christmas** and a Happy New Year, with love always and forever. Tena M. Wooten

**To all at Howe:** I wish you "... on earth, peace (and) good will toward men." — Miss Shirley Smith.

**Laura,** Thinking of Christmas without you is a bummer. Tues mon cadeau de Noel, ma cheri. Rick

**To a guy** I love. I hope you have a nice Christmas and good luck. Cheryl Bledsoe.

**Mrs. Hancock,** Joyeux Noel et bonne annee! Avec affection. Susie

**Merry Christmas** to all the girls in my history class: Cindy, Anita, Kelly, Rhonda that tease me. Love, William Denny.

**To Nancy Janes,** Hope you will have a safe and happy holiday being with your loved ones. From Pat Gannon.

**Merry Christmas,** Verbo, Doris, Critter, Space, I lean over, Pinky, Pubby, Tennis Legs, and especially CRAIG STORM! Love you, Lea.

**Susie Joyeux Noel!** —Le Monsieur

**Merry Christmas** and a Happy New Year. From Julie Norris.

**To all Gymnasts,** May all of you have a Merry Christmas and all your wishes come true. Love, Veronica.

**Have a Merry Christmas** Greg Mills. Celebrate it with someone special ... Me. Tana Wooten

**Merry Christmas Orchestra,** I know that we are the best, so let's keep on keeping on. Your talented violas

**It would be impossible** to thank all the people that helped me. Merry Christmas to everyone that helped me. Ednea

**A Merry Christmas** greeting to my favorite friend, who is a sister to me like I never had. Love you, Sharon Gross

**Dear M.J.,** Good luck with Marie. We know you love her. Merry Christmas, you old stallion! Love, D.E. and T.M.

**Rusty Denton** A good friend, confidant, advisor, and brother. Merry Christmas, Lisa Denton.

**To Phillip:** Merry Christmas. I hope this little treasure of words finds you in the best of health. Love Spoon!

**Marci, Hi!** Merry Christmas and Happy, Happy New Year. God Bless Ya! Love Ya! Jan

**Merry Christmas** Darin Ettner! From one wild'n' crazy guy to another. —Jean.

**Brad, For this Christmas** from Betty, I offer you a plate of Spaghetti. Love ya. Cross

**Have a Merry Christmas** Sheri Riley. Hello to you! Have a very Merry Christmas. Love ya Bunches, Jan

**Merry Christmas** Orchestra, I know that we are the best, so let's keep on keeping on. Your talented violas

**To the members of the** Merry Christmas... David Shrieves. Thanks for all the many things you have done. You're a friend of a friend. Debbie

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# Holiday greetings

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periods 6 and 7. May your Christmas joys be many. —Mrs. Simmons



Jeff, Because I met you this will be the merriest Christmas ever. Hope it is for you, too. Love, Terri.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to the Girls Basketball team and the Cheerleaders and all of our helpers. —Mrs. Simmons

and Nutrition I class periods appreciate all of you. Merry Christmas! Love, Baby Cakes 3 and 4. —Mrs. Simmons

To Terri, Ricky, Jim, Ellie, David, Mary Beth, Dean, Sharon, Karin, My deepest regrets, your Christmas will be cancelled. Mark.

Mike, You're very special to me. Happy Birthday and Merry Christmas. Love Lisa

Merry Christmas! Mike, Joan, Slugo Sister, Craig, Doris, Dawn Space, Tennis Legs, and Pinky Lee. Love ya Critter.

Hilltopper staff, Spending Christmas break with you will be like Mr. Dinkens with hair. Merry Christmas.

The Senior class officers would like to wish the Seniors a Merry Christmas, and the Juniors good luck next year!

Hello to my Culinary Arts Class. I wish you a very happy Holiday Season. —Mrs. Simmons

Merry Christmas to my sweetheart Stevie, to my little sis Cheryl Horsley, and to all my friends! Kelly Wilkin-

JEC Always hold on to your dreams. Good luck at the ADA. MKM

To all Computer Math Students — Rem, FOR, NEXT, PRINT, GOTO, GOSUB, END. Merry Christmas. Mel

Laura, Thanks for having a car, and for being my KK, and for being a friend. YOUR KK Mr. Spears, Uh, oh, well, I DON'T KNOW. Merry Christmas. M

Lisa C. Have a Merry Christmas. You're Big Sis.

Susan, You're the greatest!! Merry Christmas... And thanks for everything, You know. Luv, Teresa

Arthur: Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and much love. Always Lionors.

To Amy, Paul, Darin, Bev, Rob, Julie, Muriel, Monty, and Kenny. I'm broke but, Merry Christmas. Luv ya always. Teresa

Karin, My little peacock!! Merry Christmas. I'm happy we have another chance. Luv, Teresa Jean

Donna Sue, Friends Forever!! Merry Christmas.. We have lots more to come. Luv, Teresa Jean

I've chance to meet Napeolon. Merry Christmas, Napeolon! Ging and Regina Heitz

To Tony, May this Holiday Season be very special.

Lori, Merry Christmas and I love you. Na Nu Na Nu, Mork

To Kathy, Just a word of cheer to brighten up your day and spread the joys of Christmas.

Hello World!, I want to wish everyone the merriest Christmas ever. Merry Christmas! Jane Maddrill

Nanny, I definitely ask too many questions. Have a Merry Christmas. K.K.

To Howe, Don't be a scrooge, Show some Christmas spirit! The ghost of Christmas present.

Merry Christmas to all publication staff members. And Mr. Yarber too.

John Harrell, May the New Year resolve our differences. Best friends always—Rusty.

Aaron Sterling, Thinking warm thoughts of you this season. Just as you're thought of all year long. A Merry Christmas. Pamala Daniels

To Mary Eickelberg, A very special and close friend to me. I hope you have a Happy Christmas. Sue Baker

To Steve, Here's hoping your Holiday Season will be filled with the joy that accompanies the Spirit of Christmas.

Rhonda, a very beautiful young lady I had lots of fun with and I'd like to know better. Love Mark

To Celeste, My lil' sis, Here's hoping this Christmas will be one well-remembered.

M.R.K. Russell, Moi, je pense que je ne verrai pas un homme comme toi. Je T'aime. —Le Monsieur

Susie Goodin, I hope you have a very merry Christmas and a happy new year. You Know Who

Roy, You're a special friend! Love Always, Debbie.

To all of Kim Calhoun's friends. Have a Party Christmas.

Thanks to "our guys" for the nice times at the Moose. Miss you over X-mas vacation. Love, Tamra B., Kim M.

Merry Christmas to Julie Morris, Robin Foster, Scott Chrisman, Dan Norris, Lisa James, Darrel Greb, Mark Martain. Friends always, Cindy

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to Nancy, Lori, Diana, Laura, Mark, Curtis, Elaine, Cecile, and everyone else. Love, Pam Moriarty.

Greetings from the planet Ork, to the small blue planet Earth. Merry Christmas. Mork

Paula, Merry Christmas, sis, and Happy New Year. Good Luck with your car and don't strip the gears. Love sis, Cindy

Denise, Merry Christmas, sis, and Happy New Year and remember the fun we had this year chasing the guys. Love, Cin.

Debbie, Merry Christmas, sis and Happy New Year. Good luck with Mike throughout the year. Love sis, Cin.

Dear Cuddles, I hope you have the merriest Christmas ever and New Year. Love, Cuddler.

Brent, you are a great inspiration. I love you very much. Merry Christmas! Love, Judie.

Mom and Dad, you are two beautiful people. You've always been there when I need you. Thanks. Love always, Kim.

Rick, Merry Christmas and have a nice day. I love you, LLT.

To my dearest Elaine, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Love, Curtis

Merry Christmas to Mommy and Daddy, Grandma, Aunt Kim, Big Sis, Cousins, Rhonda, Jim, Uncle John, Mark, Niece Laura. Cricket

A very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all my Howe Students and faculty friends. Bruce Beck.

Merry Christmas Hornet Honey's and Miss Smith! Hope your Kris Kringle has brought you goodies. L. W.

Merry Christmas Tower! Your effort has been tremendous! I hope you are as proud of your achievements as I am! Have a great vacation. Enjoy! DM

People of the Council, I love you all! —Tim

Kim Calhoun, Hi sis! Have a Merry Christmas and come see me. Love ya, Vicki

To Leanna, You have been one of the best friends we have ever had. Love ya, Kitty & Terri.

SHSA, To my dearest on Christmas. Happy Birthday too! SRP

Merry Christmas from the T.C. Howe Hippie Death Cult! Smoke Bananas! Incredibly yours 'Z'

Tim, Merry Christmas to my favorite ecouteur. Love always, Susie

To all believers of sex after death! Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year. MGM

Liebe schöne Fräulein Korba, Fröhliche Weinachten und ein glückliches neues Jahr. Mit ewiger Ergebenheit, Dein Bill

Students, This is the season for giving and receiving. Give well and receive with gratitude. Don Kleppe

Even editors should have a Merry Christmas. Have a happy one Andy and Laura. Leslie

Happy Holiday wishes to Candy, from Jeff, I want you to have a nice time during Christmas.

To Jonie, Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Love always, Jeff King.

Merry X-mas to my good friends, Stix, Stuy fooledyahuh, McQ, Stony, Roxy, etc. From Fuzzi.

To SRP, the bells of Christmas ring and their voices say "Hi! How are you?" I luv you, SHSA.

Dean, I wish you a Merry Christmas. I wish you a merry Christmas. (con't)

And a happy New Year. Don't forget lunch! Love always, Susie

To Mork (Glen), Glad I met ya and want you to have the merriest Christmas ever! Lori Doody (Mork fan)

Ken, a very Merry Christmas to a very merry guy, (merry—not gay). Have a great holiday. Love always, Susie.

To my friends, happy holidays! I love you Vernon wherever you are. May all your Christmas wishes come true. Rita King.

TOWER-Thanks for a great '78. You're doing a great job. Keep it up, slave-drivers — especially Mr. Massy! LLT

Maria Gonzales, visit your locker to find what surprise is in store for you, Kris.

Merry Christmas to my Santa. Love, Curly

Laura and Leslie and Kim, Merry Christmas to my favorite people. Love, Susie.

Merry Christmas to Leslie, Donna, Vernita, Sandy, and Mr. Jackson, my exciting Shorthand class, L.W.

To Curtis, with love, Elaine Merry Christmas and Happy Birthday to Roxanne Kidwell. from David Muck.

Merry Christmas and a HAPPY New Year Debbie Bryant, Cindy Brown, John Fowler and Robin Foster. Love, Paula Chrisman.

Merry Christmas to Larry, Rex, Jim, Mike, and Steve from your friends at Howe.

Happy Hanukkah! To Mr. Wright, Merry Christmas with your dime from Crip.

B. A., A Merry Christmas to a fantastic friend. Good luck with Les (and Woody, too), Always, McQ.

Happy holidays to Tom Lewis, Bob Bramblett, and Jody Hancock, and to Stan, and Melissa. From Camilla Rich

Merry Christmas to Ann Hudson, my dearest friend, Chris Pitman, my sweetie, and Stan. Everybody have nice holiday eves, Camilla Rich

T.C.H.H.D.C., DOLE BANANAS forever and to Breakfast Club, warm fuzzies and smiling frogs. Merry Christmas, Leslie Cox

Wishing a Christmas of rainbows, butterflies, and especially frogs to all B.C.'ers and double for Leslie. Happiness always, Kim.

To Dummy, I hope you have a very Merry Christmas. I'll see you when God's camera crew is off duty.

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Melanie McDermet, It's been really fun being your Kris Kringle. Merry Christmas and have a Happy New Year. Your "KK"

Merry Christmas to all my friends. You're fantastic people! Thanks to all who helped at my installation. Laura Taylor

The above greetings were brought by students during the week December 11-15 at the rate of 15 words for 15 cents and 20 words for 25 cents.



# Adams deals Howe defeat

By Jeff Oberlies

The Hornet Cagers took a beating from top ranked South Bend Adams last weekend at the Hall of Fame Classic at Hinkle Fieldhouse.

Adams' .558 shooting and their tight 2-3 zone defense was enough to beat Howe by a 79-62 score.

Howe kept it close through much of the first quarter until Adams scored eight straight points. Down 20-12 at the end of the first quarter, the Hornets came back and closed the margin to four. Adams' guns, Chicken Jackson, Lynn Mitchem, and Leroy Sutton, combined for eleven straight points and

went to the locker room at half-time with a 14 point lead.

Howe used a zone-press in the fourth quarter to close the gap to seven but were unable to pull off the upset.

The Hornets were led by guard Phillip McKay's 17 points, center Brian Edwards' 16 points and 12 rebounds, and "super-sub" Bob Phillips' 12 points.

Rick McKinstry connected on just 5 of 18 shots and was held to 10 points by Adams' defense.

Adams' Sutton was the leading scorer with 23 points, Mitchem 17, and Chicken Jackson, 15.

In the consolation game, the Hornets took on Fort Wayne North, a 69-48 loser to Carmel.

The Hornets were in command from start to finish. Howe led 19-18 at the end of the first quarter and built a nine point lead by half. Howe led all second half, winning 72-61. Edwards was the leading scorer with 21 points, McKinstry 19, and McKay led the guards with 14.

South Bend Adams went on to beat Carmel in a barn-burning 69-68 ball game. Sutton, a 6-6 forward for Adams, sparked the victory with 28 points and four quarters of super play.



Hornet Ronnie Wills maneuvers the ball past two South Bend Adams players in the first round of the Hall of Fame Classic. Adams won, 79-62. (Photo by Dave Welch)

## Men gymnast start slow

By Sherri Jerrell

Despite the slow beginning Howe's Men Gymnastics team has much talent to be seen.

Coaching the Hornets is a newcomer to Howe, Libero Nicolazzi.

Looking at the team, Nicolazzi said, "The team doesn't put out as much effort as they are able to. They have much more ability. The

team should be placing higher in the meets and be more competitive with other teams."

"Joey Cornett, a junior, is capable of being first in state, Grayling Glenn, a sophomore, should place well in the state.

Howe fell to the first two teams it faced, Seymour, 86-55, and Madison Heights, 93-62. Competing against some of the best teams in the

state, Cornett placed first in high bar at the Thomas Carr Howe Classic.

The returning lettermen are Joey Cornett, Jeff Reel, Marc Scroggins, and Malcolm Curry. Other members are Jim Stum, Grayling Glen, Odis Dockery, Sam Ford, Luke Hale, Ralph Linville, Curtis Covington, Jim Duncan, Paul Leffew, Mark Pryor, and Johnny Underwood.

## Irish break girls' streak, dash championship bid

By Michele Hawkins

The womens' varsity basketball team entered the city tournament with three consecutive victories. Their three game winning streak ended in the first round with a loss to Cathedral, 71-65.

"We thought we could win without playing hard," stated Coach Bob Mitchell. Junior Rita Scott led the team in scoring with 24 points. Debbie Johns was high rebounder with eight.

In the seventh game of the season, Howe dumped Lawrence Central, 46-34.

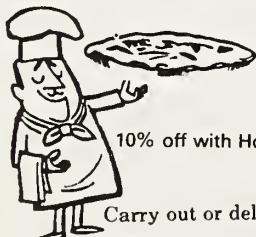
The sixth game marked another triumph for Howe. Sheila Robertson led the team to a decisive win over Marshall, 83-44. Miss Robertson was high scorer with 20, and high rebounder with 13.

Howe began its three game winning streak when the team defeated Manuel in a close game, 57-55.

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**Home Competition Will Benefit****Women gymnasts strive for state championship**

By Jim Bryson

The Women Gymnastics team is now in preparation for its assault on North Central High School Jan. 10.

With 12 team members, Coach Lou Anne Schwenn, a former Howe graduate, and a state champion under Janis Brown, will do her best to guide the lady gymnasts to a state championship.

The team is a mixture of

old experience and new talent. "The girls are very enthusiastic and they think they can take the state" said Mrs. Schwenn.

Seniors Teresa Littleton and Janet Mackell said, "We are setting our goals to win state". They added, "Four years of hard work and devotion will finally pay off this season".

Second year gymnast

Kathy O'Haver said, "I hope to meet the goals that I have set for myself this year and to improve my routines."

Freshman Amy Stewart said "We've been practicing hard and hopefully it will pay off."

The girls have been practicing since November.

The gymnasts' only obstacle to winning it all is Perry Meridian High School. Howe

must match or stay close to Perry Meridian's Kelly Enright, who is ranked fifth in the nation.

Competing mostly at home should be a plus for the squad. "With us having more home meets than away, we should do real well. We are using our own equipment," said Mrs. Schwenn.

Joy Thomas, freshman, said, "Practices are some-

times murder, but it is all a part of winning."

Team members are seniors Janet Mackell, Teresa Littleton; juniors Vicki Cunningham, Cheryl Craig; sophomores Kathy O'Haver, Ronda Vianne, and Tammy Martin; freshmen Joy Thomas, Amy Stewart, Yani Simmons, Jenny McAtee, and Jeanne Mackelle.

**Frosh extend winning ways**

By Mindy Bemis

The Howe Hornets' Freshman Basketball team added another win to their record, defeating Southport High School, 56-51, Dec. 14.

Leading scorers in the game were Lawrence Hayes with 13 points and Kenny Bruen with 11.

"The team is off to a very strong start," said Coach Jim Hamner. "The team works well together. They have great team unity. They play great and the spirit is great," he added.

"They are a very talented group of players. We have 12 or 15 players that are potential starters. The talent is there," Hamner stated.

"I'd like to thank the freshmen cheerleaders for their great support and enthusiasm," Hamner said.

**Wrestlers place fourth in city tourney**

By Ken Kirkman

The 1978-79 Hornet wrestlers went into the City Tournament last weekend, ending up in fourth place. The injuries of wrestlers Mike Sisk and Darin Ettner may have made a difference in the city tournament outcome, according to head Coach Jim Arvin.

Finishing ahead of the Howe grapplers were first place Tech with 130.5 points; second place Roncalli 123 points; Scecina 122 points; Howe 106.5 points. "The kids wrestled hard and well," said Coach Arvin.

The coach commented that even though most



Senior Mark Fagan attempts to escape the grasp of his opponent in the City Wrestling Tournament held at Howe Dec. 14. (Photo by Allen Denbo)

schools entered 13 wrestlers, Howe entered 11. Seven of these wrestlers placed. These wrestlers are: At 98 pounds senior Tony Hinkle - second place, 105 pound

senior Tim Hill - City Champ, 119 pound senior Steve Day - fourth place, 126 pound senior Jon McGinnley - third place, 155 pound senior

Jesse Finch - fourth place, 185 pound senior Tim Dotson - fourth place, and Heavyweight senior Ja Bez Gunn, second place.

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# Christmas spirit in air as holiday draws near

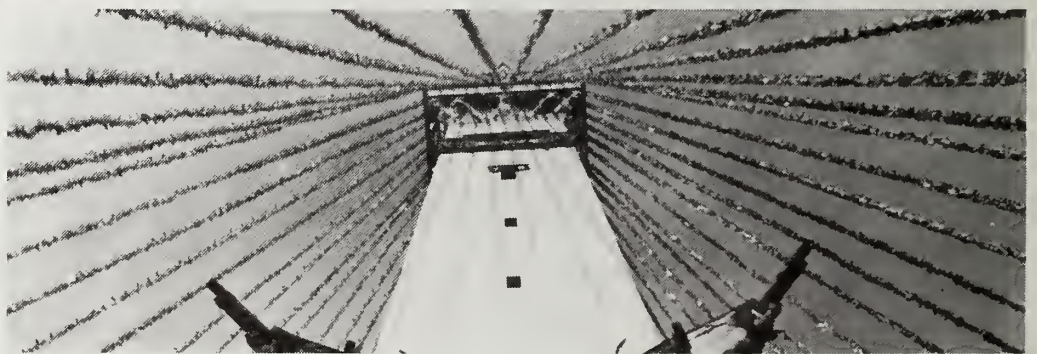


The spirit of Christmas is upon us. Men and women the world over are preparing for the joyous holiday, as "peace on earth, good will toward men" rings out in every land. When we think about Christmas our thoughts turn back to that first Christmas 2000 years ago, when a tiny baby brought a new hope to the world. Ever since, both simple shepherds and the wisest of men have given thanks for his birth.

Today, the Christmas celebration has taken many forms. There are the Christmas trees, adorned with many decorations, and shining with nature's own beauty. Of course, Santa is busy at work to make every child's Christmas a merry one.

To nearly everyone, Christmas conjures thoughts of good cheer, the chiming of bells and joyful caroling. Yet, it is also a very personal time. Each of us has our own memories and associations of this holiday. For some it is simply a time of gift-giving and celebration. Others see it more as a time for good will toward those less fortunate. Many view Christmas as a time for renewing family ties or religious commitment.

The Christmas spirit is also in the air here at Howe. Many special activities go on during this time, such as the music department's assembly program, the madrigal feasts, and the student council-sponsored Christmas program at the Marion County Home for the Aged.



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